

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 736

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Angy Morrison and her son, Eagle Scout Adam Morrison of Hermitage.

WHEREAS, the special bond between a mother and her son is a unique and blessed connection that often equips the young man with a deep sense of caring and commitment to others as he proceeds into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, residents of Hermitage, single mother Angy Morrison and her son Adam are a truly remarkable example of the loving bond between a mother and child, sharing and supporting each other as she battled leukemia while he worked to obtain the a Boy Scouts' highest rank, Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Adam Morrison, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor, which is yet another of his notable achievements while a longtime member of Boy Scout Troop 1204; and

WHEREAS, a freshman at McGavock High School, Adam joined Boy Scouts during the second grade at the behest of his mother, who sought to give him the opportunity to interact with positive male role models; and

WHEREAS, Adam's notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 1204 includes 45 Merit Badges, more than double the number necessary to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, and a history of distinguished service to his community; and

WHEREAS, of all Adam Morrison's distinguished achievements, one in particular exceeds all the others by far, the successful location of a bone-marrow match for his mother through his completion of the Boy Scouts' Disability Awareness program; and

WHEREAS, diagnosed with leukemia almost two years ago, Angy Morrison has been taking oral chemotherapy that targets only the cancer cells; the cancerous cells in her bloodstream have been reduced significantly, but she will need a bone-marrow transplant in the next few months if her cancer does not go into remission; and

WHEREAS, Adam began a "mini-crusade" to find a donor for his mother, gathering information from Vanderbilt, getting family and friends tested to find a match, talking to people about donor awareness, working with two bloodmobiles, and asking people to become organ donors; through the testing of family and friends, everyone was overjoyed to discover that Angy Morrison's sister is a match; and

WHEREAS, described by Troop Leader Steve Perkins as, "a very caring, hardworking young man who, when he sets a goal, works hard to achieve it," Adam Morrison completed his Eagle Scout project by constructing canoe ramps and refurbishing and weatherizing horse corrals at Camp Widjiwagon; and

WHEREAS, Adam's Eagle project not only greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism, but it also shows the special love between a mother and her son that is a blessing to all; and

WHEREAS, a deeply spiritual woman, Angy Morrison has imparted her strongly held religious beliefs in her son; their many friends know they take their great strength and abiding faith from their Lord and Savior; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize this remarkable mother and her remarkable son who are a shining example for all Tennesseans to emulate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Angy Morrison and her son Adam on their exemplary familial devotion to each other, especially congratulate Adam on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to them our best wishes for every success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.